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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

September 6th “SOLIDARITY—WE NEED IT NOW MORE THAN EVER”

Patrick Murfin will lead a Labor Day worship service on “Solidarity—We Need it Now More Than Ever”. We will examine the working class virtue of solidarity in light of the current economic crisis. The service will feature special readings and music drawn from the labor tradition.

September 13th “WE BID YOU WELCOME”

On Sunday, September 13, our first Sunday back for formal worship we will celebrate “Ingathering & Water Communion”. Please bring a small portion of water from some place you have been over the summer and pour it together into a common bowl, symbolizing our coming together as a church community. Dan’s message is “We Bid You Welcome”. The choir will sing.

September 20th “GOOD NEWS”

On Sunday, September 20th, Dan Larsen will ask “What is the gospel (good news) of the Unitarian Universalist faith?” The choir will sing and we will dedicate the new plaque in front of the church created by Gail Harris depicting our new central stained-glass window.

September 27th “Diversity Day”

On Sunday, September 27th, we will celebrate Diversity Day at our worship service with guest speakers, Joe Blanco, PADS Director and Susan Hoban, Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic here in Woodstock. Diversity Day on the Square starts at 1 pm.

SAVE YOUR WATER FOR WATER COMMUNION

On Sunday September 13th, the first Sunday of our Fall Worship Schedule, we will again celebrate “Water Communion” and the summer experiences we bring to church. Please save a container of water from some place special this summer, a vacation or visit, or just from home. We will pour the water together into one bowl and share our summer stories.

Our children will be upstairs during “Water Communion” and are also invited to bring a container of water from one of their summer experiences.

Dan

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for coffee, treats, and flowers for September. Please take a moment to sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the Social Room the next time you are in church. It's easy and very much appreciated by all.

R.E. CHILDREN SONG REHEARSALS

On Saturday, September 5 and September 12 at 1 p.m., we will continue with the children's rehearsals to learn some special songs for our service on September 13th. Even if you haven't attended prior rehearsals, please bring your children to these rehearsals, as it is still possible for them to learn a song or two and still participate in the September 13th service.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lora Cantele and Karen Stowe share in the secretarial duties at the church office. You will find the office schedule below. Steven is on a leave of absence but will still be attending to the website and e-bay.

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Sept. 9: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Sept. 10 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Friday, Sept. 11: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Monday, Sept. 14: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Sept. 15: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Sept. 16 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Sept. 17: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Friday, Sept. 18: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

“2030” LAND USE PLAN

Several of us met with, Dennis Dreher, the Chair of the Regional Planning Commission to learn more about McHenry County's “2030 plan, a set of guidelines for water resources, residential growth, transportation, economic development, open space and farmland, and the other major ways that we will use our most precious resource for the next 20 years.

We agreed to support the position of the McHenry County Defenders and contact our County Board members with that support. The Green Sanctuary Committee will share that position when it comes out and we will distribute it to all of our members.

This plan has direct implications for us as Unitarian Universalists. We believe that all existence is connected should be honored. This plan ties together our County. We believe that everyone should be treated with justice, equity, and compassion. This plan will help determine how all of us are treated in specific ways. So be prepared to contact your County Board representatives. If you want to see this plan

and who your County Board members are, go to the website for McHenry County's "2030 Plan" at www.mchenrycounty2030plan.com

HEALTH CARE REFORM PROGRAM AT MCC

Health Care Reform Bills: Truth or Fiction

On Wednesday, September 9th at 7 pm at the MCC Conference Center there will be a presentation on Health Care Reform to debunk the myths that appear to be derailing the process. The intent of the presentation is to provide a better understanding of the present health care crisis facing our country. If you have questions regarding the pending legislation in Congress, please join us.

Molly McQueen

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

We now have several small groups that meet for the purpose of spiritual, intellectual, and personal learning. You are invited to any of these groups. If you are interested, contact the church office and we will put you in touch with the coordinator.

The Spiritual Reading group will be meeting Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the parsonage. We will begin a new book "The Tao Te Ching" by Lao Tzu (interpreted by Jonathan Star).

Small Group #2 – NOW FORMING! If anyone is interested in joining this new group, please contact the church office.

Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday, September 10th at Coleman's Restaurant in Woodstock at 6:00 p.m.

A Course in Miracles group meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the parsonage. The curriculum is handed out before each session, so there's no textbook to buy. All are welcome!

Our new CUUPS (Pagan) group will be meeting Friday June 12th at 7:00 p.m. (upstairs)

CHURCH GROUNDS NOW WI-FI ENABLED

A wireless network (WI-FI) service to both the church building and both floors of the parsonage have been set up. The Church Council is in the process of reviewing provisions for security at this time and hopes to have everything ready within a month.

"MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL"